

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A method for ~~obtaining~~preparing an extract of caper flower buds comprising:
 - (a) providing caper flower buds, and
 - (b) performing a supercritical fluid extraction of said buds.
2. **(currently amended)** The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the caper flower buds are of the species *Capparis spinosa*.
3. **(currently amended)** The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supercritical fluid ~~contains~~comprises CO₂ and at least one cosolvent.
4. **(previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the cosolvent comprises 2-octyldodecyl myristate (ODM).
5. **(currently amended)** The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein fresh flower buds are first dried with hot air, at atmospheric pressure, at a temperature between 25 and 90°C, and then ground and rehydrated~~further comprising subsequent to step (a): drying the buds; grinding the dried buds; and rehydrating the buds.
6. **(currently amended)** The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extraction step is performed at a temperature between 30 and 90°C, at a pressure between 73 and 350 bars, and for a period of 0.5 to 10 hours.
7. **(currently amended)** The method as claimed in claim 6, ~~wherein the extract is then treated by decantation and then filtered~~further comprising subsequent to step (b): decanting the extract; and filtering the extract.

8. *(currently amended)* A method for producing a cosmetic composition, comprising: ~~obtaining~~preparing the extract ~~in accordance with~~of claim 1, and ~~including~~admixing the extract in a ~~cosmetic composition~~cosmetically acceptable carrier.
9. *(previously presented)* The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the extract accounts for between 0.1 and 10% by weight of the composition.
10. *(currently amended)* The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising: ~~including in the composition~~admixing at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of depigmenting agents, emollients, moisturisers, antiseborrheic agents, antiacne agents, keratolytic and desquamative agents, anti-wrinkle agents and tensors, draining agents, anti-irritation agents, soothing agents, slimming products, vitamins and their combinations, matting agents, anti-ageing ingredients, anti-wrinkle agents, and essential oils.
11. *(currently amended)* The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising: ~~including in the composition~~UVA and UVB~~admixing at least one ultraviolet light ray~~filter[[s]] selected from the group consisting of benzophenone-3, butyl methoxydibenzoyl methane, octocrylene, octyl methoxycinnamate, 4-methylbenzylidene camphor, octyl salicylate, tacephthalydene dicamphor sulphanic acid and drometrizole trisiloxane.
12. *(currently amended)* The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the drying step is performed at a temperature ~~is of~~ 60°C.
13. *(currently amended)* The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the extraction step is performed at a temperature ~~is of~~ 50°C, ~~the~~a pressure ~~is of~~ 290 bars, and ~~the~~a period ~~is of~~ 5 hours.
14. *(previously presented)* The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the extract accounts for between 0.3 and 3% by weight of the composition.
15. *(currently amended)* A composition comprising:
one or more of cappaprenols 12, 13 and 14; and
a fatty acid.

16. *(previously presented)* A composition comprising from 14.8 to 42 mg of at least one of cappaprenols 12, 13 and 14 in 100 g of a fat.
17. *(previously presented)* A composition according to claim 15 wherein said fatty acid comprises at least one of palmitic acid, oleic acid, linoleic acid and linolenic acid.
18. *(currently amended)* A ~~glucosinate-free~~ composition according to claim 15, wherein said composition is glucosinate-free.
19. *(previously presented)* A composition according to claim 15 prepared by the process of extracting flower buds of the species *Capparis spinosa* with a mixture of supercritical CO₂ and octyldodecyl myristate.
20. *(currently amended)* A cosmetic composition for topical application comprising:
a composition according to claim 15 and
a ~~pharmaceutical~~ cosmetically acceptable carrier for topical application.